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Extension of the first country cooperation framework the for Marshall Islands

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for the Marshall Islands. A one-year extension of the first CCF has been requested, to enable the formulation of the second CCF within the context of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and to synchronize the period of the second CCF with the programming cycles of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. The main thematic areas of the first CCF, namely, informal employment generation and sustainable livelihoods, governance and environment continue to remain valid.

II. Objectives

3. Within the framework of the first CCF, UNDP will continue to provide support in informal employment generation and sustainable livelihoods, through small business advisory services and entrepreneurial training, and facilitating the access of small-scale producers to marketing, credit, transportation and related services. These services will continue and further efforts will be made to enter into partnerships with local governments, to assist with the utilization of outer-island resources for employment and support for livelihoods. In the area of governance, specific support will continue in capacity-building for the collection and utilization of statistics, in order to ensure that social statistics are used for national development planning and to help to reduce any negative impact of economic reform programmes. With funding from the Global Environment Facility, the Marshall Islands has prepared National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, and the report has been submitted to the Conference on Biological Diversity. UNDP will further strengthen its support in this area, through the formulation of proposals for add-on funds and capacity-building, to implement the recommendations

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of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, through national development plans.

III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for the Marshall Islands for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for the Marshall Islands (1997-2002)

Source	Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)	Comments
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	190	Includes AOS.
TRAC 1.1.1	288	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	108	
Subtotal	**586** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	0	
Third party cost-sharing	0	
Funds, trust funds and other	190	
of which:		
GEF	190	
Subtotal	**190**	
Grand total	**776**[a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; IPF = indicative planning figure; SPPD = support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.